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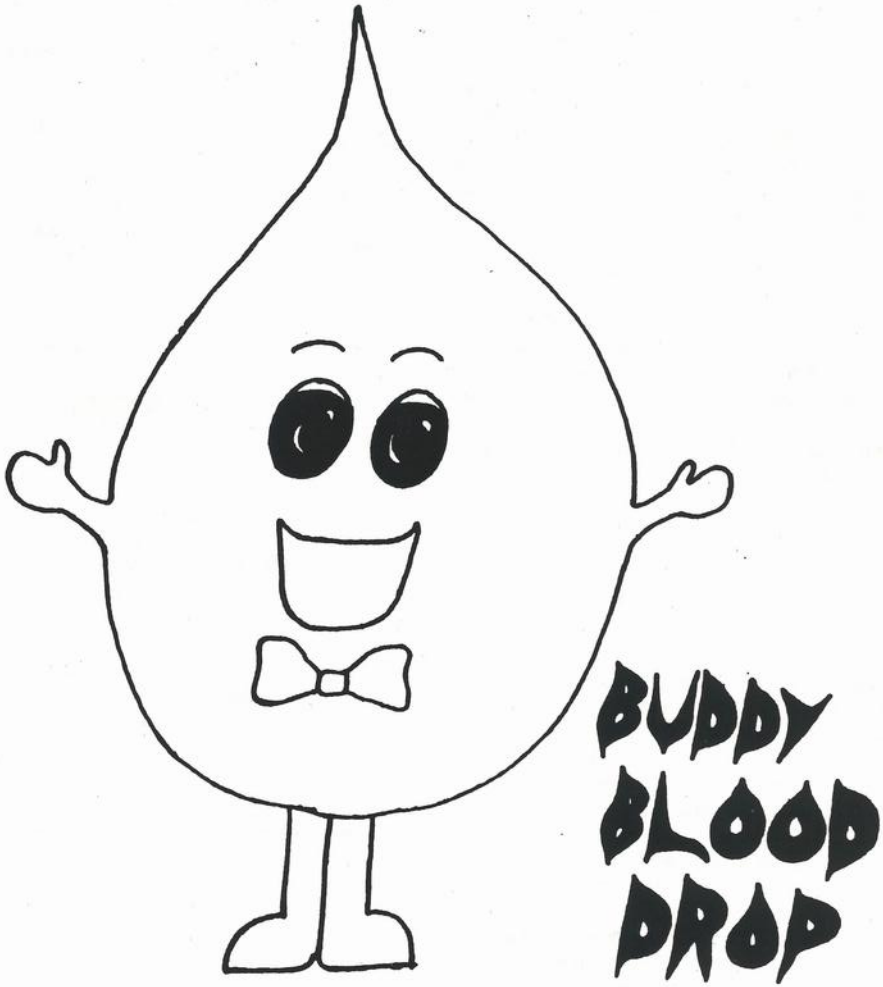

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THE WAITING GAME

Helen Vreugdenhil

Note: This is the first of a series of articles that will focus on Redeemer College as an academic institution. We will be keeping you informed about program expansion, faculty appointments and policy changes. Any suggestions for articles of this nature will be gratefully accepted by the editor.

The student body at Redeemer College has known for some time that Redeemer is involved in some negotiations with the government. An interview with Dr. Cooper, the Academic Vice-President, revealed some of the complexities of the case. Redeemer is currently petitioning the Government of the Province of Ontario concerning three points. The first, which is the matter of OSAP grants, is not connected to the other two. Even if there are no further developments on the other two matters for some time, the OSAP grants will probably become a reality. The next issue of the Crown will detail the other two petitions.

Redeemer's administration has been looking forward--for some time now--to the time when Redeemer students will be eligible to receive OSAP grants. They were sorely disappointed when the Conservative government of Frank Miller fell in May of 1985, because at that point there was a document waiting to be signed that would have made the hope a reality. The new Liberal government ordered a new investigation into the matter. After some study, the civil service has recommended to the Minister of Education, Mr. Sorbara, that Redeemer College, as well as several other private institutions, become eligible to qualify for OSAP grants.

Then another complication occurred. It was decided that since the allocation of OSAP monies was a financial affair, decisions about it shoulld be included in the budget announcements. All matters pertaining to the budget are carefully kept secret, so Redeemer does not know what the result will be until the budget is announced. The announcement will occur in early Feburary.

Dr. Cooper is quite confident that the OSAP grants will become available to Redeemer students. He expects this to make a tremendous difference to students, who will be better able to afford a Redeemer education, and to Redeemer, which should attract and retain more students. Eligible students could receive anything between $500.00 and $5000.00, depending on their personal assets and their parents' incomes. This money would be a grant, and would not have to be paid back. OSAP loans will still be available as well. It would certainly lighten the load for many students if they did not have to worry about the debt load they were incurring while studying at Redeemer College.

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Found on the board in room 204, January 22, 1987

Being conscious of being conscious is like trying to catch the wind. Once you have caught it, it no longer is.

THE OTHER SIDE OF THE MOUNTAIN

Lucinda Wolters

One of the professors at Redeemer made a statement last week that went something like this: "Those people living in British Columbia seem to assume that nothing exists beyond the Rockies." In other words B.C.'ers believe that British Columbia is where it's at and they do not have too much knowledge about the other provinces farther away like Ontario. When I heard this I found myself becoming very defensive, but when I thought it over I realized that there is some truth to this statement. I tried to remember how I had imagined Ontario before I came to Redeemer. According to me, prior to September, I saw Ontario as somewhere incredibly far away that was some kind of huge flat area of land with the occasional tree that was not of the evergreen sort. I imagined this place with two extreme types of weather; I thought that during the summer Ontario was incredibly hot and humid, so hot and humid in fact, that you could barely breathe; during the winter it was so terribly cold that when you went outside you had to wear a scarf over your mouth and nose which you had to breathe through. If you didn't do this and would freely breathe through your nose and mouth, your tongue would freeze--leaving you with a speech impediment the rest of your life--and the hairs in your nostrils would eventually fall out of your nose from the extreme cold.

When I thought of cities in Ontario I would only think of Toronto and Ottawa. Besides those cities I only imagined small vegetable farms making use of the large amount of convieniently flat land. As you can see, I really did not have too much knowledge of Ontario.

I have since learned that Ontario is much more than I had thought. I was quite surprised when I arrived at my brother's place to see two evergreen trees on his front lawn! Although they are of the miniature sort, I was still rather impressed.

I was also surprised that so many students from Redeemer were not from Toronto or Ottawa but from my imagined farming communities. People had come from places I had never heard of like Wyoming. I figured people from these places would not be seeking to get an education but would want to stay close to the land growing potatoes.

Yes, my eyes have been opened to the greatness of our Canadian province--Ontario. B.C. may be the place with all the natural beauty but Ontario happens to be the place where they make Nabisco Shredded Wheat! Ontario is probably contributing to Canada's economic state much more positively than B.C. However, B.C.'s tourism industry tends to help to some extent as well.

While I was thinking about the statement that had been made concerning B.C.'ers, I wondered what people from Ontario thought of B.C. So I decided to ask someone from Redeemer who had never been to B.C., what they thought of when they thought of B.C. My conversation with this person went something like this:

"What do you think of when you think of B.C.?"

"Oh,"(pause)"I don't know."

"Just tell me anything that comes to your mind."

"I'm not sure. I've never been there--I don't know anything about B.C. Oh! Don't they have a lot of mountains there of something?"

"Yes. What else do you think of? Do you think of any particuar cities there?"

"No. I don't know any cities there."

I am quite curious whether one can make the statement: Ontarians seem to assume nothing exists west of the Rockies.

On a more serious note, I do like Ontario a lot. I have learned a lot about what it's like to live in a very different place. I am also relieved that so far I have no speech impediments.

FROM THE EDITOR'S CHAIR

As editor of this revered publication I am responsible for keeping watch and commenting on the various trends and issues which prevail among staff and students here at Redeemer. I take it upon myself to comment on the most seditious and appalling of these issues and trends in order that you, as student body and staff, may be prepared for their onslaught. Indeed, these things often strike to the core of our collective existences here at Redeemer, shattering our naivete with cruel insensitivity. Against such things we should be protected and those perpetrating and perpetuating such ideals should be dealt with swiftly and punished commensurate to their dastardly deeds.

As the possessor of such strong sentiments and as the acclaimed protector of Redeemer sensitivity--not to mention a lover of art--you can well imagine the horror I felt when a particularly vicious plot was revealed to me by one of my informants. Even as I write this editorial the brazen, bare-faced audacity of the group in question causes me to shudder. The presence of such radicals within the staff and students here at Redeemer causes me to question the integrity of these groups, supporting as they do such a diabolical sub-grouping within their ranks.

Yet I realize that not all support this group and indeed knowing the character of a majority of the persons here at Redeemer, I am assured that this group, when exposed, will be granted harsh ostracism by all others here at Redeemer. Shunned and shamed, the individuals in question will come to the belated realization that we here at Redeemer treasure and value those things that lend beauty and culture to our lives.

You may well ask yourselves who these people are. You may well ask yourselves what have they done. Without fear and without reservation I will tell you. THEY ARE THE ARTSIES.

Yes, ladies and gentlemen, the Artsies. Under the direction of their leader, who according to my information is a member of the faculty, they have declared war on our beloved kitsch. Rather then let us enjoy the sterile uninspiring art of today's masses they insist that we rise above our formica counters and B.C.C.'s and actually appreciate the finer things in life. This cannot be. They must be stopped. We have the right to be tasteless. McDonald's lovers unite and drive them back to the narrow confines of the art studio where they belong!!!!

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IN CHRIST'S SERVICE

Sunday--The Lord's Day?

Ernie Langendoen

Observe the Sabbath day by keeping it holy, as the Lord your God has commanded you. Six days you shall labor and do all your work, but the seventh day is a Sabbath to the Lord your God. Deut. 5:12-14a.

It seems to me that we are to worship God on Sunday. I believe it is time that we as a community consider what it means to set aside a day as a day of rest and worship for God's glory.

First, let us read Question and Answer 15 of the Heidelberg Catechism:

Q: Why, then, will God have the Ten Commandments preached so strictly, since in this life no one can keep them?

A: First, that all our life long we may learn more and more to know our sinful nature, and so become the more earnest in seeking remission of sins and righteousness in Christ; second, that we may constantly endeavor, and pray to God for the grace of the Holy Spirit, to be more and more renewed after the image of God, till after this life we arrive at the goal of perfection.

But we don't obey the fourth command. We quite readily agree that the other commands must be upheld. But to keep the fourth command? Christ has come, you say, and he has fulfilled the legalistic requirements of obedience to the Old Testament laws. We are free in Christ, why be pharisaical? And so the line of argument goes. And where does this lead us?

The Israelites had a hard time understanding why they had to obey this command. When in the desert, God daily sent manna, and some thought that they could collect it also on the Sabbath. God's reply: "How long will you refuse to keep my commands and my instructions?" (Ex. 16:28). And we, how do we honor the Sabbath? Is it a day to sleep in, to do our homework, to study for tests, neglecting one or both of the church services?

Why do we so easily break this command? For so-called "Christian freedom"? Or is it because our rationalistic minds can't seem to see obedience to the fourth command on par with obedience to the other commands? We need to recognize that breaking this command is being disobedient to God. Rather than seeking to worship and praise God we are seeking for our own pleasure and self-edification. And then what sense is there in handing out handbills on a Saturday, condemning the opening of stores on Sunday, and then breaking the same command for a slightly better GPA?

Let us uphold the day of rest, so that we can do as the Catechism makes clear: diligently attending the church services of God, to learn God's Word, to use the sacraments, to call publicly upon the Lord, and to give Christian alms (Q & A 103). And to do that which we have so little time during the week to do: visiting the sick, the lonely, and the shut in. Let us keep the command, not out of legalism, but out of heartfelt obedience as sinful creatures in need of repentance from a merciful and just God.

PRAYER REQUEST

By Feb. 15, the Ontario government will be making a decision on OSAP grants for Redeemer College students. Please pray that God will lead the politicans and leaders of our province to come to a favourable decision.

SOUNDS ALIVE IN 225

Elizabeth Schinkel

At long last, it has arrived. It is the only one of its kind in Canada. It is a technological wonder. It is almost sci-fi. It is the language laboratory and it is for you. Yes you, language students. You too, music lovers and you too, Shakespeare buffs.

There are 20 stations specially designed for students to work individually or in groups. Each station has a cassette deck which has all of the necessary controls: Play, Wind, Rewind, Stop, Pause, Record as well as a few special features: such as: Recap, which rewinds back to the last major heading on your program; Call, which allows the student to communicate with the instructor; and Volume, to control both the instructor's voice and the student's voice. Each of these stations is connected to and controlled by the sleek and elegantly designed main console which is operated by the instructor. The instructor can work efficiently and thereby be of a greater service to you: she is capable of teaching more than one group at once. The instructor can communicate with one student at a time, with all, or with just a few. He can scan the whole group so as to monitor the quality of work or to discover when a student is having difficulty.

Now you can experience the thrill of speaking French, while knowing full well that your class-mates cannot hear your hideous accent (no slight intended; his is worse anyway). You can communicate on a one to one basis with your instructor and not disturb the other students. You can exercise your language skills at your own pace. You can even record your own voice on to the tape so as to become aware of particular areas which need special concentration (like rolling the R's in the back of your throat). This laboratory is brought to you at Redeemer to help you learn.

Does your roommate tend to show

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THE WIVES: PART I

Who Is She?

Who knows a side of the chief of security that no one else does? Who diligently leaves the campus five mornings a week to pursue her teaching career in a grade one and two class? Who could hardly wait to return to college life after surrendering the rowdy life for a Calvin College graduation? And who has had a blissful two years of attending the Collingwood church services under the guidance of Rev. Top? All this and more are just part of Mrs. Eileen Fallon's (nee Kloosterman) history.

Eileen Fallon is the first to make her debut in this new column which is designed to inform the whole college on whom the wives of our students are (to a certain extent). Having them and their children on campus is a bonus for Redeemer, helping us realize there is more to life than just school.

Eileen met Mike approximately sixteen years ago on her school bus. The length of their affair has even surpassed some of our best professors and their wives. Amazing, and Mike and Eileen have been married less than seven months.

The laughter in Mike and Eileen's home sounds above the trumpet music filtering down to their living room. The two of them lead a Bible cell group together in their home. Many of the group members can vouch for Eileen's admirable listening ability, her kindness, her insight, and her outgoing character.

Redeemer owes many thanks to Eileen since she has sacrificed many precious husband-hours so that the college can benefit from Mike's perfect security record.

Sharon Top

STUDENT COUNCIL REPORT

Richard Wikkerink

Now that the new year has started, many new things have arisen at Redeemer College. The main event so far this year has been the opening of the Student Centre. In it are some of the recent purchases made by the council: the stereo, the vending machines and an unplanned purchase: a big screen television. The council purchased the television after they received word that a pool table was being donated. This meant that they could hold off on buying a new pool table and put the funds towards a television. This keeps the pool sharks content and the soap opera fans ecstatic. Imagine the "The Young and the Restless" on a big screen!

Note Worthy News

-There will be a Town Hall meeting February 5 to discuss student concerns and also Student Council activities. A questionnaire will be published shortly to find out what you feel on the issues.

-In March there will be a spiritual retreat organized by Mr. Kors. Keep a weekend open for this!

-Minutes are being distributed to the residences to open communication lines between the council and the students.

-'Edit Out' is now being published. Please submit your jokes, notes, cartoons and items for sale etc., to the Student Council office.

-Rumour has it that a certain president involved in a type of muscle-soothing clinic purchased her banquet ticket with the proceeds of the fore-mentioned clinic. I guess even Beth-Anne finds the price of the banquet a bit steep!

Have you ever wondered...

...how the toilet seats fit into the college's "Five Square Feet in Five Years" building donation plan?

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signs of discontent when you play your favourite Mozart trumpet concerto? Does she throw your stereo against the wall? And when you bring six classmates into your room to listen to the 5,000-voice Welsh choir sing the World's Most Well-loved Hymns, does he plot against you or poison your goldfish? Come to the language lab either in a group or by yourself. You will not disturb anyone. You may even sing along. This laboratory is brought to you at Redeemer College to help you enhance inter-dorm relations.

For your convenience, English and Drama students, the language lab is brought to you to ease your reading load. Listen to your Shakespeare plays while you read along. Redeemer College wants you to increase your pleasure as you study.

So here it is folks. A new technological wonder for your use at Redeemer College in room 225 at the end of the Hallowed Hall of Science. Hours will soon be posted as to inform you when the language lab will be available for your good use.

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SPORTS

Men's Hockey

Erick Schuringa

There is always more to write about violence and such in hockey, but there is no use shooting a dead bear so I won't write "violence" articles anymore. But I would like to suggest that you read the Guest Editorial, "When hockey players clothe themselves with violence," in the January 16th edition of Calvinist Contact.

How about picking on the Royals for a while? Why does the only team with a theorizing coaching staff and weekly practices have the second worst record in the league? Goal-tending? One must admit that the use of rookie goaltenders has decreased Redeemer's chance of maintaining the lowest goals-against average for the second year in a row, but the two goalies, each in their turn, have done a completely adequate job of blocking reasonable shots. The goals-against problem lies with the defensive play of the team as a whole. The last game against Cambridge (way back when) showed this clearly: Cambridge had a least six break-aways. Similarily, stats (yes, stats!) from the York game two weeks ago show that most of the goals were being scored from close-in, where shots shouldn't have even been taken from. In summary, the goaltenders, or any other position, cannot be used as a scapegoat for a team problem.

What, then, needs to change? Or must we admit that the Royals just haven't got what it takes this year? The infamous Curtis X. Tuininga, sports enthusiast extraordinaire and co-coach of the Royals, responded to this proposition, and I quote, with an adamant "No!" He felt free to express his view of the matter to the press: "We've got as much, if not more, talent than last year. This year's team has learned the system with amazing quickness, but we just can't seem to find positions for everyone that work." Case Study: The "late great Johnny B." has played every position except in net

Men's Volleyball

Kevin DeRaaf

At first glance, it may appear that the Redeemer College men's volleyball team is enduring a disastrous first season. With three tournaments under our belts and zero wins to our name, it isn't hard to see how some may come to that conclusion. But do not let yourselves be fooled by the statistics. It isn't numbers that make a team a great team; it is character, a unifying spirit and dedication to the sport that show the greatness of a team. It is a good thing that we feel this way because otherwise we would have little else to pride ourselves on.

However, we are planning to change all of this in the coming weeks. Up until now, we have only played round-robin tournaments against both Tier II (our level) and Tier I (the higher level) teams. We have been rather handily defeated by many of the tier-one teams but we have also suffered some very narrow losses against tier-two teams. We took both Algonquin and Cambrian colleges to the limit. We have made great improvements in our play in practice and hopefully we will be able to carry that through when we play our last round-robin tournament in Peterborough tommorrow. We have two Tier II tournaments in Kingston and in Toronto on Feb. 7 and Feb. 21. Our last tournament is the OCAA Championships at Loyalist College in Belleville on March 13 and 14. We feel that it is time that we start making ourselves known as a volleyball force to be taken seriously and maybe win some games in the process.

SWEAT? NOOOO SWEAT!!

Found on the board in Room 204, December 18, 1986

"To be is to do" -- Socrates
"To do is to be" -- Sartre
"Do be do be do" -- Sinatra

Women's Volleyball

Mary-Jane Blyleven

Continuing the trend that prevails at Redeemer College, the women's volleyball team is having a morre successful season than the men's squad in terms of wins and losses. So far the women's team has attended five tournaments, placing well in all of them.

During the Christmas break, on Saturday, January 10, we hosted the first-ever tournament here at Redeemer in which we placed third out of four challenging teams. On January 16 and 17 we attended a two-day tournament at Conestoga College in which the Royals placed second in a field of eight, losing their only match to Fanshawe. (Well done girls!) In this tournament we played against teams on our level (Tier II) as well as squads from bigger schools of higher calibre (Tier I).

Our coach, Jane Kors, is now helping our team work on a new defence strategy in preparation for our next encounter with Fanshawe and other tough teams, such as George Brown.

There are large amounts of enthusiasm and spirit and support that come from bith the team and the fans here at Redeemer College that help add to our games. And with that in mind we hope to carry high and far the name of Redeemer College throughout the OCAA and Ontario.

from Reader's Digest, October 1986

In a recent competition to find a sequitur better than "Kiss me, I'm Irish", top honours were shared by:

Delight me, I'm Turkish
Treat me, I'm Dutch
Warm me, I'm Chili
Mate me, I'm Czech
Heal me, I'm Sikh
Pass me, I'm Khyber
Club me, I'm Canadian
Punch me, I'm Hawaiian
Knight me, I'm Arabian
Watch me, I'm Swiss

YEARBOOKS

Ken DeVries

Last month the 1985-1986 edition of Anno Domini, the Redeemer College yearbook, arrived in response to the many questions and complaints about its lateness. But they came, to the surprise of some, such as Ray DeBoer, who looked at the newly-arrived books then turned to me and asked, "Hey Ken, when are the yearbooks coming in?" Yes Raymond, there really is a yearbook.

The yearbooks were delayed by a backlog of orders at the publishing plant in Winnipeg, and there was very little we could do about it except express our displeasure and show some more patience. But now that they are here, many people have yet to pick up their copies. And it should be noted, as many already have, that the spread after the Dorm Life page was slightly glued together, and that was a result of extra gluing at the plant. This has been protested.

There has been some questioning concerning the extra two dollars that we have asked you to pay for the books. We wish we did not have to do so, but there is a significant difference between the cost of the books and the revenue we received from last year's Student Council as a portion of the Student Activity Fee. Some of this difference was recovered by an intensive advertising campaign, and this small extra payment of two dollars per book will cut, but not satisfy, the deficit.

We hope that you enjoy your yearbook. The Yearbook Committee certainly could use your help, and if you have gifts to lend but not much time, please let Lisa Kay or Ken DeVries know. The yearbook is for everyone here at Redeemer.

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Who Was That Masked...Girl?

Who was that girl who came running into the Semi-House the night of the Big Blizzard with a face masked of snow? Where did she come from? And why was she there? All anyone knows is that this girl disrupted a Belated Christmas Party by tearing into the house covered in...AEROSOL SNOW! How can this be?

The girl was very obliging to inquiries and explained that she had been out helping the blizzard out by covering windows; however, she realized that her aerosol can had no nozzle. Being creative, she stuck her earring in the mouth of the nozzle and covered herself with snow. When asked how she managed that, she gladly proceeded to fully demonstrate her talent.

Still, the question is, Who Is She? This is a mystery, isn't it? The search is on: will the real Miss Masked Marvel stand up? Perhaps Julie can inform the ignorant few of the extra facts that we might have missed.

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